

saluation is wholly myne . Strengthen
this faith in me dayly more and more
I may inwardly feele comfort & con-
fession in this, that I feele thy holy spirit
beare recozde vnto my spirite, that
thy chyldre, grafted into the bodge of
sonne, and made with him fellow heire
thy euerlasting kingdome. So worke
me by thy holy spirit, that dayly more
more I may feele synne dye in mee,
do not delyght therein, but daylye
grye vnder the burthen thereof: to
hate, detest. and lothe sinne, set my
all the powers of my soule against
and haue my full delignt, ioye, com-
and pleasure in those thinges which
agréable to thy wyll, that I maye
as becommeth the chyldren of lycht
king thyll so; that good tyme, when it
please thee to call mee to thine euer-
lasting kingdome and ioy eternal
this in mercie graunt vnto
mee, for Iesus Christes
sake, my Lorde
and Sauicour.
Amen.

 **GODLY**

Private Prayers, for
Houſholders to medi-
itate vpon, and to
ſaye in theꝝ
Families.

Mark. 11. 24.

I K. V. has ſo euer ye deſire when
ye praie, beleue that ye ſhall
haue it, and it ſhall bee done
unto you. 3932. a/

Rom. 10. 13.

Who ſo euer ſhall call vpon the
name of the Lorde, ſhall bee
ſaued.

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Psal. 55. verse. 16.

I wyll call vnto G
and the Lorde wyll
mee : Euening and m
ning and at noone w
praie and make a no
and hee wyll heare
voice.



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Houholders, to be sayde
in their famillies.

A prayer contayning the effect of
the Houholders Catechisme.



Almighty God, and
most mercifull Father, I
see in thy blessed Lawes
and commaundementes,
the greatnesse of my sin
and wickednesse: Yea, I see (O Lord) my
the whole course of my lyfe to be
nothing els, but a continual breake
of thy holy lawes and commaunde
ments. The thoughtes of my harte (eye
in vanitie, or els open wickednesse)
number infinite, dayly in the a
uaunce of them, causing my mouth
to ke, and my body to execute, and do
ary to thy holy wyll. And againe
(O Lord) I see thy heauy wrath, venge
and iudgement against sinne to be
terrible, that even the least wicked
of a most secreat cogitation of my
procureth thy heauy wrath, and
thy curse, the tormentes of hell.

Godly primate prayers
and euerlasting fire, euen although I
but once in all my lyfe broke any of
commaundementes, so much as once
thought. And I know (O Lord God) that
thou art true and iust, and canst not ab
sinne and wickednesse, but wilt iustly
punish euerie sinne, euen with the sa
same tormentes of hell which thy iust
hath appointed, euen for euerie sinne.
This O Lord be my God, thowweth
downe, and euen amazeth me, so that
knowe not what to do. I looke into
selfe, beewing mine own power, whether
I am able to overcome this punishment
of my sinne or no: and I see that all
the most exquisite punishment which
can deuise to my selfe, in whipping of
body as long as I lyue, wearing ha
cloth, pining my selfe with fasting, or
ny other paine, I see, I see (O Lord) that
all this punishment is not sufficient
one of my least sinnes, because it deli
ueth euen the euerlasting paines of hell.
I looke to heauen, I see there is no
no Angell able to abide & overcome
punishment of sinne: I looke to men
this worlde, euen to the Popes treat
that wicked man of sinne, and I see
neith

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Whether his masse noꝝ purgatorie, pilgrim
age, pardons, penance, satisfactions, noꝝ
of such lyke wicked stufte, alas I see
they are nothing foꝝ the satisfying foꝝ one
my least wicked thoughtes, seeing the
punishment is due by the iust decree and
sentence, thy everlasting curse. Where
I am dꝛiven out from my selfe, and
that I can do, to seeke this punishment
charged other where, oꝝ else to quall
der the burthen. I see there is no helpe
mee in Angels, Saints, noꝝ mortall
men, but onely in that perfect man Christ
Ius thy deere sonne, in whome I see the
punishment of my sinne wholly payd,
satisfied, discharged, & overcome: death
conquished, the paines of hell in victoꝝy
allowed by, the curse satisfied, and the
merit of the punishment (thꝛough his
everlasting power) overreached. This I
(O Lorde) by the eyes of faith, being
thꝛough thy holy spirite, wholly assured,
that all the whole punishment of sinne
due by my Saviour Christ, is not onely
payd foꝝ other men, but even also foꝝ mee
and my sinne. This assurance of my faith
in thyne onely woꝝke in mee, I beseech
thee in mercy to strengthen and increase,

Godly priuate prayers

For I feele it often full of wauering and
doubting. Graunt that I may daily more
and more in my soule and conscience, feele
my selfe knit and grafted into the body
thy sonne, whereby I may be assured, that
whatsoever he hath done, pertayneth
mee, and is fully and wholly mine: that
may through the power of his death, feele
daily sinne dye in mee, and thorough
power of his resurrection feele my
rysen from synne, to haue my full ioy
and comfort in those things which be agree-
able to thy holye will, vtterly detest-
ing, and abhorring from my hart
things, which be contrary to thy will
and pleasure: that euen in this lyfe I may
wylle looke for this endlesse ioye & felicity
vntill the things of this worlde, as thou
I vntill they be not, till that good time that
shall please thee to call mee to thine eu-
lasting Kingdom of glozie, there to re-
maine with my Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ
for euer and euer. Amen.

for Christian Families

A prayer vpon the Lordes prayer.

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Our fa-
ther which
arte in
Heauen,

Moste mightye Lord and eternall
God, who hast by thy deere Sonne
Christ Iesu our Lord and Saviour,
incited vnto thy selfe all things in hea-
u and earth, and in him haste made an
irreuerent bonde and couenant with vs
faithfull chilozen, that thou wylt not
be our God, but also our most louing
mercifull Father, wherof as a pledge
thou hast geuen vs thy holys Spirite of
consolation, whereby we may with boldnesse
full trust and confidence come to thee
in our hartly prayer, as vnto our most louing &
mercifull Father, being assured that thou
wilt not denie vs any thing which thou
shalt thinke best shalbe expedient for vs: graunt
we beseeche thee (Deare Father) that wee
being fully perswaded in our hearts of this
fatherly loue and affection toward vs,
we be stirred vp to make our petitions
with such an affection, ardent desire, loue &
reuerence to thy Maiestie, y our minds be
carried away with by thoughts creeping
out without al wandring may be fully
attentive to the thing we aske, and
we staye vpon thy mercifull and iuste
protection,

Godly priuate prayers

Halowed
be thy
name.

We then beseech thee, O Father
thou wilt strengthen our hartes with
holy spirite, that considering thou
made all things for the glory of thy name
so we may in all our doings, enterprises
counsels and purposes, chiefly about
things sake thy glory: that we may
acknowledge thee not only y^e Author
of all things, but the ruler, guider and go-
nour of all things, both in heauen & earth
that we neuer diminishe thy incom-
prehensible Glory, by attributing vnto
selues any power, strength or abilitie
to do, wyl, or thinke that which is good
from our hartes we may acknowledge
our goodnesse to come from thee, yeelding
for the same continually praise & than-
kening to thy glorious Name: that we
neuer by distrusting thy mercifull pro-
vidence, dishonour thy Name, but that
in our greatest distresse we may put
full confidence in thee, not looking vpon
weakenesse, but staying vpon thy power
& promises, by hartie prayer fleeing vnto
thee our onely refuge: that our whole
may be so framed according to thy will
wyl in all points, that thy glorious Name
in vs may be sanctified, and that we be

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Prayer that thy holy Name be blas-
phemed through our wicked life and con-
fession.

That thy Kingdome come (most merci-
ful Father) appeare, and manifestly be-
stablished in all the worlde, but especially
amongst thy Church, and faithfull flocke:
rule thy selfe Lord & King over them,
governe them by the scepter of thy holys
& force of thy holy spirite. Increase
the number of faithfull Pastors & Prea-
chers amongst the people: blesse theyr la-
bor to the increase of this Kingdome of
our son Iesus Christ, & to the destruc-
tion of the kingdom of satan & antichrist.
Increase the rage of the enemies, that
they may know that thou, O Lord, dost
rule in all ages, to the behewe of thy
glory and terrour of thine enemies.

Grant these mercies good Lord, not
only to the whole Church in general, but
especially to every one of vs thy Childe-
ren particularly: graunt that we may effec-
tually feele the force of this thy kingdome
within hartes. Beate downe in vs our
corrupt Adam, with al unful delights,
thoughts, motions, and desires: and re-
newe in vs day by day our spirituall and
inward

*Thy king-
dom come.*

Godly priuate prayers
inward man, that we may be wholly
to delight, thinke, desire, & do those things
which be acceptable in thy syght.

*Thy will
bee done in
earth as it
is in Hea-
uen.*

Frame our hartes (good Lorde)
such humble obedience to thy holy
that we may be hartely well content
whatsoever it pleaseth thy goodnesse to
vpon vs: that we neuer cease in our
series, but continually call vpon thee
hartly prayers, although we feele no relief
at all, yet that styll patiently we may
abide, and quietly waite for thy good
sure and appointed tyme of deliuerance
when thou knowest it shalbe most expedient
for vs.

*Grant vs
this daie
our dailie
bread.*

Grant vs, deare Father, that all
counsels, studies, labours, & endeuours
ing by thy holy spirit guyded & framed
may euery one in that vocation in which
thou hast placed him, so faithfully traue
to the discharging of our consciences,
edifying of thy Church, that our account
may be found acceptable before thy
& Iudgement seate. So blesse our labours
and trauels, that we may haue sufficient
for the preserving of this present lyfe
bee content with those benefites which
thou shalt bestowe vpon vs, whether

for Christian Families.

thy oꝛ fewe, acknowledging them to
eꝛned of thee : not greedily to care
m, oꝛ vaineely to delight in them, but
fully esteeme of them, as thy bene-
estowed vpon vs, and as faythfull
hardes moderately to vse them, to the
of our bꝛethꝛen, and the discharge of
consciencs.

increase in vs (good Lord) the gyfte of *Forgene*
that we may daily moze and moze *vs our*
soules and consciencs be assured, *trespasses*
our sinnes be defaced, cleane blotted *as we fore*
and couered with the full, perfect, and *gene them*
sacꝛifice of thy deere Sone Christ *that tref.*
our Lord and Sauour once made *passc a-*
s: that we are vnited, knyt, and made *gainst vs.*
body with him, partakers of his righ-
nesse, iustification, and holynesse, and
fellowe heꝛes with him of euerla-
lyfe : that we may vnfaignedly from
bottom of our hartes loue thee foꝛ this
vnspeakeable goodnesse and mercie:
eneing from our hartes our bꝛethꝛen
tho do offende vs, pray foꝛ them, loue,
and comfort them as fellow mem-
all of one body, with perfect naturall
compassion lynked together to our
Christ Iesu.

Strengthen

*Leads vs
not into
temptati-
on.*

Godly priuate prayers
Strengthen vs, good Lorde, with
holy spirit, that we be not overcome
the subtile suggestions and sinneful
tions of Sathe the Diuell: holde
with thy mercifull hande that we
not in sinne, that we be not drawen
with the wicked worlde, nor the ex-
citements of the flesh, to delighte in wi-
nedde: but so arme vs with thy mi-
power, that we may strongly abyde
the assaultes and subtile sleightes of
ghostly enemy, and sincerely to walke
foze thy face, both in prosperitie and
uersitie, to thy honour and glorie,
health of our soules, and profit of
Church, through Iesus Christ our
Lorde and Saviour. Amen.

¶ The Lorde's prayer more at large

*Our fa-
ther which
arte in
Heauen.*

○ Moste mightye and eternall
who of thine infinite loue to
kinde, hast giuen vs thine o-
ternal Sonne Christe Iesu our Lorde
be made man for vs, in the similitude
sinneful flesh, to become flesh of our
bone of our bones, in all thinges like
to vs, synne onely excepted: who be

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us and natural sonne, hath made vs
him, sonnes, children, and heyes to
our most mercifull Father, geuing
vs by grace, y^e which is his by natur:
by his due, alone, once offered, suffici-
ent sacrifice, hath payd the ransome of
sinnes befoze thy diuine Maieſtie, to
ſe thy iuſtice vpon ſinfull fleſhe.

Thy debt being payde for vs, he hath
ought vs in fauour with thee, ſo that
we may nowe with boldneſſe and truſte
come to thee as vnto our moſt mercifull
Father, with full aſſurance, that
thy loue is ſo much greater and more
tender toward vs, then al loue of earth-
ly parentes towardes their children, as
paſſeſt al men in goodneſſe and mer-
cy ſo thou wylt denie vs nothing which
be expedient for vs. So that al-
tho al the fathers which are in earth,
being taken off all feeling of fatherly
tendneſſe, woulde forſake their chil-
dren, yet thou wouldeſt neuer forſake vs,
becauſe thou canſt not denie thy ſelfe:
thou promiſeſt, that if earthly fathers be-
lieue, can geue good giſtes to their chil-
dren, how much more wylt thou our be-
loved Father, being altogether goodneſſe
it

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it selfe, geue good things to them that
in thy Sonnes name: And that altho
a Mother should forsake her chyldren
wylte thou not forsake vs thy Chyl
dren whome thou hast before the beginning
of the world in thy dære Sonne Iesu Ch
rist chosen to be thy chyldren and heyres
of him of thine immortall kingdome. We
of that we in our selues might be sur
certaine, and out of all doubte that we
be the chyldren and heyres of euerlasting
life thou hast geuen into our hartes thy
Spyrite, as a true pledge and earnest
of our inheritance, which Spirit doth
witness in our spirites that we are thy chyldren
therefore cryeth in our hartes, Abba
Father.

*Halowed
be thy
name.*

Alas therefore as thy dære chyl
dren ransomed and boughte by thy
dære Sonne, flæ to thee our most louing
mercifull Father, who in goodnesse
infinite, in mercede abundant
substance incomprehensyble, in
immortalitie euerlasting: who by thy
almightie power and syngular prouidence
rulest all thynges, accordyng to thy hea
uynly wisdome: besæching thee for thy

for Christian Families.

for Chyiste Iesus his sake, that as thou
sufficiently sette forth thy glorious
workes in making the whole worlde, hea-
uē, earth, and all thinges therein containe
to we may in beholding and viewing
thy creatures the workes of thine handes,
presented up to thee our Lorde God the
Father and Maker, and in them, glori-
fy thy holy Name, acknowledging in
thy singular goodnesse and love to-
wardes man, for whose vse thou hast crea-
ted all thinges, both in Heauen and earth:
that we maye for the same, euen from
the bottome of our hartes, yelde due ho-
nour, prayse and thankesgeuing to thee
O Father, all the dayes of our lyfe.
O moste mercifull Father, that wee
maye in harte and minde be fully assured,
that thou by thy Heauenlye prouidence
directest and guidest all thinges in Heauen &
earth, so that nothing in the whole worlde
cometh to passe but according to thine ap-
pointment: that thou guidest & framest the
lives and doings of men, that thou hast
in their hartes & all their powers in thy
mercifull hand, to turne the which way soe-
uer seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: so
that

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that whether we be in prosperitie
uerſitye, we maye acknowledge
them to be thy worke in vs, and there
be no leſſe thankfull for ſickneſſe the
health: for ſorrowe, then for comfort
troubled minde, then for a quiet : for
priſonment and baniſhment, then
liberty : eſpeciallye ſeing we knowe
thou turneſt them al (ſome they neede
ſharpe) to the comforte and commoditie
thy child:en which feare thee: and to
all thinges which ſhall befall vnto
whether they be greuous or ioyous,
perſity or aduerſity, life or death, thy
Name may be ſanctified in vs by per
due and continuall praiſe and thank
to thy eternall Maieſtie : that we
cease to put our full truſt and confidence
in thy mercy, who haſt promiſed to be
defender, buckler, and ſhielder, to keepe
as the apple of thine eye, to deliuer
when we call vpon thee, to open
we knock, to geue when we aſke: thou
knowing our owne weakenesse, that
our ſelues we haue no power or ſtrength
to do, no not ſo much as to will that
is good, we maye acknowledge al
ſtrength, comforte, ioy, faith, loue,

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confidence to be thine onely gyft and
in vs . And for the same, and the
use of the same , and for all thy bene-
in vs , whereof we feele our selues
are , we maye constantly flie vnto
thy hartly prayer, requyryng the same
mercifull hande . And hauing felt
mercifull dealing towarde vs , wee
allway to the ende of our lyfe conti-
nually thankfull to thy blessed Name : that
we yet speake or thinke of thee (O Lord
without high reuerence and an obe-
dience vnto thy glorious Name.
And that thy kingdome (O Lord) may
gloriously shine amongst men , sub-
iect the hartes of the people to be obedient
to thy worde . Lyghten all Nations with
thy glorious Gospell : rayle by faithfull
ministers of thy worde, abountdauntly in
thy place , who with pure and perfecte
knowledge maye fede the
soules with the fode of lyfe . Ligh-
ten the hartes of thy chyldren, whome yet
thou haste not called to the feeling of thy
grace in thy sonne reuealed . Beate
downe the furie and rage of the Kingdome
of the an and antichrist with all tyrants,
whelme theyr vtter malice and furie

*Thy king-
dom come.*

Ab. i.

against

Godly priuate prayers
against thy deere and faithfull flock.
founde their deuises, suppress their
and so strengthen all thy true & fayth
seruantes against theyr rage, that
may haue true wisdom to confound
enemies, and steadfast constancie to
fesse the truth of thy glorious gospel,
to the death. And that euery one of vs
feele the force of this thy kingdome pa
cularly in our selues. We beseeche thee
in vs, by thy holy spyrite, all wicked
lights of sinne, and vanities of this wo
rldlye in vs our earthly & carnal a
tions, & graunt that we may haue our
delyght and pleasure in thee our hea
Father, and in thy Sonne Christ Iesu
Lord and Sauioꝝ, and reuerently em
thy holy Woꝝd, that our soules may
comforted therein, and our faith be
confirmed. Lighten our vnderstand
that we may in thy holy Woꝝde lea
and in hart be fully assured that thou
our most mercifull Father: and thy
Sonne, our Loꝝde and Sauioꝝ. Do
downe in vs all synefull motions
aduersary, which do rebel against thy
spyrite, and settle and frame our my
by thy holy spyrite in vs, that all rebe

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our flesh being kylled. we may quietly
staye myndes and consciences, set
full ioye, comforte, and consolation in
heavenly thinges, walkyng befoze thee in
fith of mynde: put our full trust and
dependence in thee, rest & quyet our selues
in thy myghty protection and pro-
tection.

And forasmuche (O Lorde God) as *Thy will*
in selues we be nothing but stubber, *bee done in*
and rebellyon, we beseeche thee (*deare earth as it*
is in) that as thine Angels in heauen *is in Hea-*
willinglye obeye thy Wyl without *uen.*
taunce, so we thy chyldren in earth
stubbernesse and perversnesse, by thy
spyrite, in vs being vtterlye extyn-
guished and quenched) we may willingly
surrender our selues, resigne and yelde our
affections to thee O Lorde, to be
governed after thy blessed and heavenly
will. That we maye feele in our selues
no motion of desyre, then a meete-
ness to thy holy Wyl: that whatso-
ever affections in vs fight against thy holy
will, thou wilt vtterly make them boide.
We neuer wyl any thing of our sel-
ues, but that thy holy Spyrite in vs maye
governe our hartes, by whome inwardlye

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being taught, we may learne to loue,
hate, and take comforte in those things
that please thee, and to hate those things
that displease thee: That our hearts, minds,
and wylles, being wholly subdued to
most blessed Will, we may willingly
content with that estate of life, which
pleaseth thy goodnesse to exercise vs in
in this world, whether it be in aduersity,
prosperitie, in sicknesse or health, in
humilie or glorie, in quietnesse or trouble,
sorrow or gladnesse. Graunt vs, deare
father, this willing and patient minde,
even in our greatest distresse we may
content with thy good wil, and not to
murmur or grudge against thy Maiestie,
knowing that thou wilt lay nothing vpon
vs but that which shall turne to our good
or profit. And that we may patiently
whatsoever it shall please thee to lay
vs: that wee bee assured in our hearts
that thou wilt not laye more vnto vs,
thou wilt geue vs strength to beare,
even in our greatest afflictions, wilt
a waye for our deliuerance, and that
power & strength is more fullye declared
when we feele our selues vtterly voyde
of strength, and see no waye of deliuerance

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wee maye in our mosse grienous afflic-
tions, conflicts, and anguish of minde, sub-
mit our selues wholly to thy blessed will, &
for our deliuerance at thy hāo, when
knowest it shalbe most expedient for
and most for thy glozve, leaving the
and meane of deliuerance to thy good
and pleasure, and that in the meane
we neuer cease but call vpon thee, by
the prayers continually as thou haste
commanded, vntill such time as thou shalt
our petitions. And although after
many and sundrie callings vpon thee, thou
wilt not to regarde vs, but rather deale
extremely with vs: yet notwith-
standing, strengthen vs so with percene-
ment in pzaier, that we faint not, but styl
new in pzaier, being assured, that al-
though we feele our selues nothing relea-
sed, yet we maye quiet our selues herein,
as thy childezen haue layd our com-
plaintes, griefes and sorowes in the bo-
som of thee our heauenly Father, who
as a louing Father, when he seeth it
conuenient, helpe vs. And that al-
though thou seme nothing to graunt our
requests, yet we honour thee in calling vpon
thy Name: seeing thou dost accept it

*Gene vs
this daie
our daile
bread.*

Godly priuate prayers
as a most chiefe honour, to be called
in the day of trouble.

And forasmuch (deere Father) as
doest by thy mighty power, nourish,
sustaine, p̄serue, and maintaine al
living creatures, yea, euen the berye
fowles and beasts, we beseech thee to
vnto vs thy chyldren, (ouer whome
hast a more speciall care) all thinges
cessary for this our p̄sent life: that
hauing sufficient, may walke euery
in our calling, in sincerity and pure
nesse before thy face, acknowledging
our benefites of riches, wealth, hea
meate, drink, apparell, and all our
stance to bee thy mere gifts, bestowed
pon vs, and deliuered vnto vs from
hands: that wee bee not drawen from
thzough setting our mindes to much
them, but so moderately vse them, as
benefites for a time bestowed vppon
knowing that thou wilt at our tyme
require an accompte howe wee haue
them. That wee doe not carefully gra
seke after them, but discretely to thy
ry vse them, acknowledging in thee
goodnesse and liberallity towards vs.
seeing (most mercifull Father) that

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our trauel, laboꝝ, paines, studie, oꝝ en-
rich which is able to get vs our lining,
only insomuch as it pleaseth thy good-
ness to blesse & prosper them: we beseeche
that if thꝛough our great tranayles &
troubles, we be yet styll in poꝛe and meane
estate, that thou wylt geue vs a contented
heart knowing that therby thou lettest vs
vnderstande, that it is thy good wyl & pleas-
ure to keepe vs vnder, that wee moze
truly maye geue our selues to serue
thee: O if it be thy wyl and pleasure moze
dauntly to blesse vs & our trauaile, to
vs abundance of al things, we beseech
thee O deere Father) geue vs a thankefull
heart to acknowledge them to be thy good
gift: & frame our harts with such libera-
lity that we may be contented to distribute
according to the necessity of thy chil-
dren, being assured y thou hast to that end
appointed vs Stewardes ouer them, that thou
knowest at his hāds require much, on whom
thou hast bestowed much: so y we hauing
true estimation of thy benefites which
ought to haue, may both reuerence thy
goodnesse in thy benefites, and supplie the
want of our brethꝛen, to the reliefe of their
necessity, and furtheraunce of thy gloꝛy.

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*Forgiue
vs our
trespasses
as we for-
giue them
that tres-
passe a-
gainst vs.*

And whereas (most mercifull Fa-
ther Sonne, our Lord and Saviour
Jesus hath in our nature payde the
some and debt of all our sinnes, which
haue from the beginning of our lyfe
committed, & do daily commit, we beseech
gracious goodnesse that thou wilt by
holy spirite in our hearts, assure our soules
and consciences with a lively faith, that
that same one alone sufficiēt sacrifice
punishment of our sinnes is payed,
wrath appeased, and thy iustice satified
whereby our consciences may be quiet
& set at peace with thee our mercifull
father and God. Let vs, deere Father,
in our soules and consciences, that we
be vnited and knit to thy deere Sonne
Christ, and made one body with him,
heire with him of euerlasting glorie
coupled and ioyned with him, that we
members of his bodye, so that whatsoeuer
he hath done in his body, we may be as-
ured that it is ours: that his righteousness
is our righteousness: his sanctification
holynesse is ours: the curse, condemnation
and death which he suffered, is the
curse, condemnation, and death due
our sinnes: that we knowing y^e our sinnes

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ne alway, and cleane forgotten & for-
n by thy mercifull loue and goodnesse
red, in offering vp thy sonne to death
, we may be dzinen to loue thee vn-
doly from the bottome of our hartes
is thine vnspeakeable loue. And con-
ng that thou hast in mercy pardoned
ny our bainous offences, wee may
ye bee moued to forgeue one another
offences, & put out of our hart al ran-
alice, & hatred toward our bzethren,
ing that we are all members of one
Christ our Saviour: that so surely as
ane forgeuen all them that offende
st vs, we may be so certainly assured
our mercifull Father, haste forgeuen
pke as wee haue forgeuen our Bre-

and forasmuch (most heauenly Father) *Leade vs*
of our selues be feeble, frayle, and *not into*
e, and haue a strong & subtile aduer, *temptatio,*
satan the deuill, who goeth about *but delinor*
nually lyke a roaring Lion, seeking *vs from*
he he maye deuour: we beseeche thee *euill.*
gthen vs by thy holy spirite, that we
withstande his subtile suggestions &
ns: holde thou vs by thy mercifull
and keepe vs alwaies in thy safegard
and

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and protection, that we bee not ouercome
in the mighty assaultes of our aduersarye.
And forasmuch as he often bleth euen our
owne fleshe armed against vs, to conquer
vs, we beseech thee deere Father, mortifie,
subdue and kyll in our fleshe all subtile
suggestions, and sinfull motions of satan,
that wee yeelde not our selues as slaves
therevnto, but continuallye fight against
them, & bring them into subiection of the
spyrite. Graunt vnto vs, deere Father,
that we be not drawne thzough the subtil
tytie and liely torments of satan, to haue
our delight and pleasure in the vanities
of this pzeent wo:ld, but by thy Grace
might and power, may so in the prosperitie
of this lyfe be vpholden, that our minde
with full ioye and comfort maye be lyfted
vp to our perfecte consolation in our Lord
and Saniour Chzist, and in him, take our
ful and perfect ioy and consolation, so that
no vaine delight of this wo:ld put vs from
the same, neither any sharpe aduersity, or
pouerty, miserie, or calamitie, thzough the
malice of the deuyll, driue vs to dispayre.
Of thy mercifull goodnesse towards vs: but
alwayes being thzough thy grace and
Assistance defended, we maye be fully and
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perfectly armed against all the subtile in-
trappings of satan, and rest wholly in thy
mercifull defence and ayde. For thou hast
(O Lord and eternal God) in thy govern-
ment, all things in heauen and earth, all
power and dominion ouer all creatures,
angels and diuels, to rule them according
to thy good pleasure and wyll, to the profit
and commoditie of thy Church, and eue-
ry faithfull member thereof, and to thine
owne incomprehenfible glory: in all ages:
For ever and ever thy glorious name may
be exalted, and thy faithfull flocke edified
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A confession of finnes with faith
and repentaunce.**

O Mercifull and heauenly Father, we
thy seruantes do humbly prostrate
our selues before thy Maiestie, acknow-
ledging here in thy sight our baynous of-
fences commytted against thy Maiestie,
seeing & beholding thy heauy wrath against
them: we feele our selues laden (O Lord our
God) with a huge company of horryble
sinnes, wherof euen the very least, being but
conceyued in thought, is sufficiēt in iudge-
ment

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ment to throwe vs downe to the euer
sting burning lake. Our owne cōscience
O Lorde, do beare witnesse against vs,
our manifold transgressions of thy blessed
law, of our security & sencelesse blindness
rūning headlong to destruction, cōmittin
sin after sin, although not notozious to
woꝛlde, yet horrible befoze thine eye. Our
thoughtes of our hartes ryse vp in iudg
ment against vs: the vāitie of our tal
befoze thy Maiestie condemneth vs: the
wickednesse of our dædes from thy sight
reiecteth vs: all our wycked thoughtes
woꝛdes and dædes, with the inwarde co
ruption of our nature, do altogether as
were a whole lumpe and lode of sinne, ly
heauy vpon vs, and with their intollerable
weight, do euen pꝛesse vs dōwne to hell.
Wee do daily grone vnder the burthen
them, inwardly lamenting our owne folly
so grædily running into them. In heauen
earth, oꝛ hell, we see none able to sustaine
the weight of them, but euen thy deare
beloued sonne Iesus Chꝛist, who in mercie
infinite, and compassion endlesse, hath so
stayned & overcome that endlesse punish
ment due vnto them: in him therefore,
him, most mercifull Father, and thꝛough

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When we come to thee, being fully assured
according to thy promise, that thou wilt
accept & take that full recompence which
thy deere sonne hath made for vs, as a
raunsome for the sinnes of all those
who with a true faith take holde on him.
In him therefore wee see thine anger for-
wardes vs appeased, thy wrath satisfied,
and our debtes payde.

Increase in vs, good Lord, we beseeche
thee, this lively and feeling faith, for wee
feele it oftentimes in vs very weake, and
doubled with many doubttes: increase it
in vs (O Lord) that we maye through thy
holy spirit be assured, that the punishment
of our sinnes is fully in thy sonne dischar-
ged. Make vs, O Lord our God, to feele
this same in our soules & consciences, that
Iesus Christe is ours, and all that he hath
gotten: that we are grafted into his body, &
made one with him, and therefore fellowe
heires with him of everlasting life. Let
us not onely haue these wordes in our
mouthes (good Lord) but through thy holy
spirit let vs feele the comfort of them in
our hartes fully sealed & settled in vs: that
we feeling our selues inwardly befoze thy
iudgement seate discharged, and our con-
sciences

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sciences towarde thee appealed, maye
swallowed vp with an vnfayned loue
warde thy heauenly Maiestie, & towarde
our brethren for thy sake. Make sinne
dye in vs dayly more & more, that we
hate, detest, and vtterly abboze all sinne
wickednesse in all men, but especiall
our selues: that we may strongly throug
thy holye Spyzite set our selues in op
warre and defiaunce against all sinne
wickednesse: that we please not our sel
in our sinnes, but straightly examining
by the iust rule of thy holye Lawes, t
may vtterly from the bottom of our hart
condemne euen the least sinne in our
ues, hauing our whole ioye, comfort
consolation vpon those thinges which
agreeable to thy blessed wyll, alwayes
ing afrayde to do any thing contrary to
same: that we may euen from the bottom
of our harts, examine & trye our thought
befoze thy pzesence, that they bee vpye
and unfained, not hypocritall in outwa
shew onely and appearance, but that eu
all coznors of our harts being opened
disclosed befoze thee, wee maye euen
though it were openlye befoze the face
the whole worlde bzing them in the
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knowing that a double harte is detestable
thyne eyes: and that we may walke al-
ways as befoze thine eyes, not onely be-
fore the eyes of man, being moze carefull
to walke circumspectly, in this respect, that
we haue thee to be a biewer of our doings,
a thousand fold moze then the eyes of man:
thus we may walke as becometh thy
children, not onely in outward shew, but
in sinceritie of harte, abhoring euen
the least sinne in our selues, stryuing, re-
sisting and fighting against sinne, not de-
lighting our selues in sinne, noz nozishing
sinne in our bzeast, but earnestlye em-
bracing, and studiously seeking after those
things whiche bee pleasant in thine eyes:
neither the feare of man, noz losse of
life, landes, possessions, oz friends
shall keepe vs awaye from thee, to do any least
thing contrary to thy wyll & pleasure: nei-
ther the fauor oz friendship of man, noz yet
the flattering enticementes of this world,
nor the vaine promotions of the same doe
kepe vs any whyt from the true and end-
les ioye, delyght and pleasure which wee
ought to haue in those thinges which bee
deare to thy wyll, and the constaunte
perfors,

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performaunce of the same: but y^e alway
to the ende of our life we may continue
thy pathes, growing and increasing from
faith to faith, from strength to strength
till at length we shall come to thy everlast-
ing rest. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the estate of the
whole Church.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father
forasmuch as by thy holy worde we
are commaunded in our prayers not on-
ly to be mindfull of our selues, but also of
others thy childzen, yea even of our ene-
mies: we commend vnto thy diuine Ma-
iestie all thy whole true and catholique
Church, & euery member thereof: that
it hath pleased thy goodnesse by thy bright
beames of thy holy worde, to shine ouer the
whole world, whereby thou hast expelled
driven away, & caused to vanish the darke
and mistie cloudes of ignorance and
superstition, so thou wouldest vouchsafe
thy holy spirite to touch the hartes of men
that they may ioyfully embrace that
so high a treasure sent amongst vs, that
through our vnthankfulnesse we prouoke
not thy Maiestie in anger to take it from

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Crush, bruse, & destroy with the breath
thy mouth, the mighty power of that man
sinne, which so proudly exalteth him selfe
one all that is called God. Let not thy
people flocke (deere Father) in whose consci-
ences he of long tyme hath, and yet doeth yet
God, bee any longer poysoned with his
sweete enticing poysons: but so lightē their
arts, that they may perceyue his iuglings,
and embrace the swēte & comfortable doc-
trine of lyfe euerlasting, reuealed in thy
Glorious Gospell.

And sozasmuch as it hath pleased thee in
mercy aboue all Nations of the earth, to
shower downe y^e swēte showers of thy hea-
uēly Graces vpon this our English nation
abundantly, in moze plentiful wyse, water-
ing the same with the gyftes of thy holy
wyrdite, in promoting thy Gospell, & ouer-
throwing idolatry, we beseech thee continue
thy fauour towards the same, & utterly roote
out all remnaunts, reliques & monuments
of idolatry, that thy Glorious Name maye
be thoroughly exalted, in sincere, pure, and
truly worshippe. And as thou hast in mercy
purged amongst vs in this thy Church, utterly
destroyed all false, venemous and poysonfull
doctrine, wherewith the soules of thy Chyl-

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When heretofore haue been wounded to death
and in place thereof hast placed the true and
comfortable doctrine of lyfe everlasting
wherewith the soules of thy Chyldren be
fedde and nourished to everlasting ioye:
in lyke mercy and fauour we beseeche thee
deere Father, establishe in the same thy
Church, a true, perfect, & sincere regimine
thereof, according to the prescripte rule
thy blessed Word, all fantasies of man
haine, and dreames of humaine policie
terly abolished: that thy glorious Word
only may be exalted in the lyght of thy gl
rious gospel: and that thy Church may flou
rishe and increase, being through thy pr
tection ayded, supported, maintayned and
defended: we beseech thee by thy holy spirit
guide and rule euery part & member ther
of, especiallye thy seruant Elyzabeth
Queene, whome thy gracious fauour and
merciful prouidence hath appointed a chie
member in the same: vnder whose wing
next vnto thy protection it hath a chiefe
cour and support. Graunt vnto her, O Lord
a pure and perfect zeale, aboue al thinges
promote thy Gloze: first and chiefly in
bouring and endeuouring of her selfe
nestly in wypping away and purging out

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thy Church all blots and defozmities, to re-
store the same to a pure & sincere fourme of
worshyp, agreeing to thy blessed Word, vt-
terly to remoue al stumbling blocks which
stay & hinder the course of thy Gospel: giue
her in lyke manner O Lorde, the spirite of
wisdomme, discretion, and gouernment, that
with equitie and Justice shee may see this
whole Realme, which thou hast committed
to her charge, peaceably & quietly gouerned:
that she may studiously labour, that as well
through the whole Realme vertue bee exal-
ted, and vice abandoned: especially in her
owne house and Court, that al wicked vani-
ties of this world, al tyrentious and inordi-
nate life, al flattering & dissimulation being
utterly banished, the feare of thy Glorious
Majestie may so raigne in the hartes of all
within her Palace & Court, that their liues
conuersation may be agreeable to thy ble-
ssed will, in sincerity and true holinesse & in-
tegritie of life, that from them, as from the
head, may shine puritie of lyfe, & conuersation,
as an example & patterne of true godlinesse
to the whole Realme. Preserve her, we be-
seeche thee good Lorde, from all conspiracies
and treasons, that if it bee thy good wyl, shee
may haue a long and quiet raigne ouer vs.

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to the benefite of thy Church, & the aduancement of thy glory. I adoe the whole counsell good Lord, with true and perfect wisdom, that in all their consultations and counsels, hauing thee present before their eyes, they maye consult of those things which principally & chiefly may be for the aduancement of thy glory, & the commodity of thy Church, and next for the quiet peace & gracious gouernment of this Realme. So lyghten al inferiour Magistrates of this Realme, good Lord, with the brightnesse of thy holy spirit, that vnderstanding thy will, they maye zealously defende, maintaine and further the course of the Gospell with the sword of iustice, cutte off the wicked, and cherishe the godly.

Defende and gouerne by thy holy spirit the Pastours of thy Church, and labourers in thy vineyard, that they maye zealously, earnestly and diligently feede thy flocke committed vnto them, with the fode of thy blessed worde, wherewith their soules may be nourished to life Euerlasting. Increase the number of them, deere Father, place ouer euery flocke a godly, learned and painefull Pastor, who maye painfully & carefully trauaile euery one in his charge, to bring

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thy people (which now alas in most partes
do wander and go astray lyke lost sheepe) to
the true knowledge of the their Lord and
God, and of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu
their Saviour. And for thy mercy, we
beseech thee, to take pittie vpon thy poore and
simple flocke, rote out all rauenning wolues,
which haue craftily crept into the sheepfold
and do make hauocke of the Soules of thy
simple flocke. Cast out all hyzelinges, tyme
seruers, & dumbe dogges, which to fylt their
bellies only, haue thrust them selues among
thy sheepe, & do pittifully suffer the flocke of
Christ thy Sonne, to be deuorwed and scat-
tered of the wolfe. Stirre vp, good Lord, and
place in their roomes faithfull shepheards,
which dilygently, painefully, carefully and
earnestly may labour in thy vineyard, seeke
to winne the soules of thy people, out of the
prannyng and power of satan, to the freedome
of thy deere sonne Christ Iesu our Lord.

And that thy Church may better be furni-
shed with godly learned Pastors, we beseech
thee to prosper & increase in all godly know-
ledge, all Scholes of learning, especially the
two Uniuersities, Cambridge, & Oxorde:
I praye deere Father, vnto all the students
of the same, that the chiefe ende of all their

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Studies maye be to the furtheraunce of the Church, and mayntenaunce of the common wealth. Blesse their studies, deere Father, that all vaine studies set asyde, they may so fructifie in all profitable and godly sciences, that hereafter they may become profitable members in the Church, & godly vpholders of the common wealth.

Braunt, good Lord, to al the whole Commons of this Realme, that they hartes being touched with a sincere feare and reuerence of thy heauenly Maiestie, acknowledging thy mercie in placing ouer them a godly Princeesse, they maye euery one in theyr callings, walke in all true and humble obedience vnto her, in thee and for thee without resistance, tumults, insurrections, conspiracies, or rebellions: knowing that to resist the higher powers, is to rebell against the Maiestie. Finally we beseech thy goodnesse so guide and gouerne the hartes of all the whole Realme of euery degree, that euery one in his calling, being by thy grace supported, may so occupie his Talent, that thy Glozre in all thinges maye bee aduanced, thy Church enlarged, and this whole Realme into sincere godlynesse vertuously reduced.

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Whereouer we beseech thee (O Lord our
God) in mercy to behold al those which suf-
fer persecutiō for thy glorious words sake,
whether it be imprisonment, death, or ban-
ishment, or whatsoeuer else: strengthen
O good Lord, that they hauing thee alwaies
foze their eyes, and the glozy layde by for
em in y life to come, may cōtinue constā
defēding thy truth, without feare of man
vaine allurements of y world, that whe-
er it come by life or death, they may glori-
fy thy holy name in continuing in the truth
to the ende. Preserue in lyke manner we
beseech thee, al others thy children, whome it
shalt please thee with any other kind of crosse
chasten for their amendment, whether by
scilēce, famine, warre, pouerty, imprison-
ment, sycknesse or banishment, trouble of
conscience, veration of spirite, disquietnesse
of mind, want of spiritual comfort, or what-
euer kinde of affliction of body or mindes,
thou dost trye them with: y by thy holy spirit
being fully assured, y thou by this thy cor-
rection mindest to cal them back to a feeling
of their sinne, & due consideratiō of their life
conuerſion, that they may patiently abide
thy fatherly tryall, looking for ayde, helpe
& comfort from thee, when it seemeth most

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conuenient to thy godly wisdom: and be-
ing by thy mercifull hande once deliuered
may acknowledge thy singular power and
worke, geueing all laude and prayse to thy
glozious Name: and afterwarde, all the
dayes of their life, studie and liue befoze thee
in sinceritie and perfecte holynesse, euen
theyr lyues ende. Amen.

*Morning prayer for priuate houses
and Families.*

O Gracious God, and louing Father
According to thy commaundement
we do here present our selues befoze
thy Maiestie, humbly prostrating our selues
besoze the throne of mercy, acknowledging
and confessing from the bottome of our hart
that we bee miserable sinners, dayly break-
ing thy commaundements, both in thought
word, and dede, wherein we iustly deserve
euermore lasting damnation, and to bee utterly
throwne from thy presence: yet, O Lord
we see thy goodnesse againe towarde
who not suffering vs thus to perishe in
sinnes, hast sent thine owne deare Sonne
Jesus Christ, to take vpon him whatsoeuer
is due, to reconcile and make vs at
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th thee againe : In him therefore , god
doe , and through him do we come vnto
thee , beseeching thee for his sake , that we fee-
ling the grieuousnesse of our sinnes , and
lying vnder the burden of them , maye
obtaine the release and ease of them , in that we
through thy holy spirite assured , and sted-
fastly beleue , that Christe hath bozne the
burden of them , euen for vs . Graunt , O
God , that we being assured hereof in our
consciencs , may through thy holy Spirite
be renewed in the inner man , to hate , de-
spise and abhorre sinne , and to studie to lyue
according to thy blessed wyll duringe our
whole lyfe.

Wee do not onely praye for our selues,
but also for all thy whole Church , especially
such as be persecuted for thy word : graunt
unto them , that whether it be by death or
lyfe , they may glorifie thy Name to theyr
glorious ende . Wee mercifull to this Church
of Englande and Irelande , we beseech thee
O God and Lozde , and preserve euery parte and
member of the same , especially thy seruant
Elizabeth our Queene : graunt her all
such giftes as be needefull for so high a cal-
ling , to the aduancement of thy glory , and
benefite of this common wealthe , to the esta-
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blishing of a perfecte gouernement of
Church, according to the p̄script rule
thy blessed worde, to the rooting out of
superstition and reliques of antichrist,
the gouerning of her Subiectes in all peace
and tranquillitie. Defende her, O Lord
from all conspiracies, treasons, and rebell
ons, and so worke in the hartes of all
Subiects, that knowing her authoritie
come from thy heauenly Maiestie, they
maye with obedient hartes humbly obey
her in thee and for thee. Preserve the whole
Counsell & the Magistrates of the Realme
that being lyghtened throught thy holy Spi
rite, they maye defende thy trueth, suppress
wyckednesse, and maintaine equitie. Be
holde all the Pastours and Preachers
the worlde, blesse theyr labours, increa
se the number of them, place ouer euery
Church a painefull watchman, remoue
idle Lubbers, and confounde the power
antichriste, and turne the hartes of the
people that they maye be obedient to thy
trueth. Blesse the twoo Vniuersities
Cambridge and Oxforde, and all the stu
dientes of the same, with all Scholes
learnynge. Beholde all those that be
flycted with any kynde of Crosse, that they

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ye profite by thy correction in newnesse
of life. ¶*¶ (1550 To the good Christian
Lastly, for our selues here gathered to-
gether, wee hartlyle crave at thy handes,
that it would please thee to make vs thank-
full vnto thy Maiestie, for all thy loueing
kindnesse shewed vnto vs euen from our
youth: especiallye, that thou hast this
present nighte deliuered vs from all dan-
gers both of body and soule, wherinto many
are fallen, as we into lyke manner should
haue done, if we had not bene stayed with
thy mercifull hande: that thou haste also
haunted vnto vs so swete and comfortable
rest, and haste nowe presently brought
vs to the beginning of this daye. For these
reasones, good Lord, wee yelde vnto thee
moste hartie thanks, beseeching thee to
make vs more & more dayly thankfull vnto
thy Maiestie for them, and pardon our un-
thankfulnesse. And as thou hast safely pre-
served vs vnto this present houre from all
the dangers of this life: so we beseech thee
to continue thy fauour towarde vs this day,
through the whole course of our life. Defende
vs, O Lord, that we notre entring into
the affaires of this day, be not drawn away
with the vaine allurements of this world, to
sinne

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sinne and wickednesse: that we walke
in the shadowe of death, that we bee
intangled in the snares of sinne, that we
stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that
we finally fall not into the pytte of death
and destruction: but being shadowed vnder
thy winges, we maye cheerefully and con-
fidently goe on forwarde to the ende of our
course. Graunt vnto vs, O Lorde our God
that this good tyme whiche thou grauntest
vnto vs in this lyfe, be not idely, or vaine-
ly of vs consumed, but that euerye one of vs
maye be diligently exercised in his calling
this daye, and all our lyfe long, being as-
sured that thou wilt once call vs to geue
account of our Stewardshippe: in due
we beseeche thee, with those gyftes and gra-
ces which be needefull for vs in our calling
and that with a pure and sincere consci-
ence we maye vse them to the benefite of our
Brethren, and discharge of our owne con-
sciences, before thy Maiestie. We beseech
thee, O Lorde, that in all our consultation
wordes & workes this daye, and the whole
course of our lyfe, we maye alwayes haue
thee present before our eyes, knowing that
thou seest euen the very deepe thoughtes
of our hartes, which alwayes maye be
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able to pull vs backe , that we neyther
noꝝ yet consent vnto any sinne oꝝ wic-
nesse : but that alwayes we maye be sa-
crificed in the affayres of this lyfe , that
we looke styl to the ende of our course, when
shall please thee to bring vs thꝛough the
trimage of this lyfe to our everlasting
with thy deare Sonne Iesus Christs
Saniour . In whose name foꝝ these
scies & whatsoener thou knowest to be
benefull foꝝ vs, and foꝝ the whole Church,
praye vnto thee , as he him selfe hath
told vs in his holy worde, saying : Our
father which art. &c.

The Lorde blesse vs and saue vs , the
Lord make his face to shyne vpon vs, and
mercifull vnto vs , the Lord turne his
honorable countenaunce towarde vs, and
grant vs his peace . The grace of our
Lord Iesus Christs , the loue of God the
father, and the most comfortable fellow-
ship of the holye Ghoste be with vs, pre-
serve and keepe vs this daye and evermore.

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sinne and wickednesse: that we walke not
in the shadowe of death, that we bee not
intangled in the snares of sinne, that we
stumble not at the blockes of iniquitie, that
we finally fall not into the pytte of death
and destruction: but being shadowed vnder
thy winges, we maye cheerefully and con-
stantly goe on forwarde to the ende of our
course. Graunt vnto vs, O Lorde our God,
that this good tyme whiche thou grauntest
vnto vs in this lyfe, be not idly, or vaine-
ly of vs consumed, but that euerye one of vs
maye be diligently exercised in his calling
this daye, and all our lyfe long, being as-
sured that thou wilt once call vs to geue an
account of our Stewardshippe: indue vs
we beseeche thee, with those gyftes and gra-
ces which be needeful for vs in our calling
and that with a pure and sincere consci-
ence we maye vse them to the benefite of our
Brethren, and discharge of our owne con-
sciences, before thy Maiestie. We beseech
thee, O Lorde, that in all our consultations,
wordes & workes this daye, and the whole
course of our lyfe, we maye alwayes haue
thee present before our eyes, knowing that
thou seest euen the very deepe thoughtes
of our hartes, which alwayes maye be as-
hamed

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able to pull vs backe , that we neyther
noꝝ yet consent vnto any sinne oꝝ wic-
kednesse : but that alwayes we maye be ex-
ercised in the affayres of this lyfe , that
we looke styl to the ende of our course, when
thou shalt please thee to bring vs thꝛough the
grimace of this lyfe to our euerlasting
glorie with thy deare Sonne Iesus Christs
Saviour . In whose name foꝛ these
thy mercies & whatsoeuer thou knowest to be
needfull foꝛ vs, and foꝛ the whole Church,
we praye vnto thee , as he him selfe hath
taught vs in his holy woꝛde, saying : Our
Father which art. &c.

The Lord blesse vs and saue vs , the
Lord make his face to shyne vpon vs, and
mercifull vnto vs , the Lord turne his
honourable countenaunce towarde vs , and
grant vs his peace . The grace of our
Lord Iesus Christs , the loue of God the
Father , and the most comfortable fellow-
ship of the holy Ghoste be with vs, pre-
serve and keepe vs this daye and euermore.

Eucning

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Euening prayer for priuate houses
and Families.

O Gracious God and louing Father,
As in the begynning of the mornynge
prayer, reading so forth, tyll ye come to the
marke. †*† Then reade this following
the Euening.

Lastly, for our selues here gathered,
render most hartie thanks to thy Maiesty
O Lozde, which hast hyther to fro our infir-
mie, preserved vs by thy mercie from all pe-
rils and dangers both of soule and body
wherevnto frayle man is subiect, that thou
hast sent vnto vs all thinges necessarye
this pzent lyfe, as health, fode, apparell
and such lyke, which many of thy deere chyl-
dren doo want, being notwithstanding
preciously bought with the precious blood
thy deere sonne, as we be, and yet lye in
terre and calamity, oppzessed with povertie,
nakednesse, imprisonment & banishment
in which case also, deere Father, thou
test haue bzought vs, saue onely that thou
dealest herein moze fauourablye with
then with them. For the which thy
kindnesse we geue thee hartie thanks,

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ing thee, that as thou hast hitherto thus
honourably in mercy preserved vs by thy
protection, and even presently this day hast
brought vs past all dangers thereof: so we
beseech thee good Lord, in lyke fauour behold
us this night, that we taking our naturall
rest and quietnesse may through thy protec-
tion bee defended, that our bodies resting,
our soules may be occupied in beholding
thy fauour and mercie toward thy chyldren,
yet looking for the comming of our Lord
and Saniour Iesu Chyiste for our full re-
demption. Graunt that our sleepe be not im-
moderate, according to the lust of our fleshe,
but as much as is sufficient to refresh our
weake nature: that being thus refreshed,
both the body and the minde may bee more
able to do theyr severall office & function, in
that vocation wherin thou hast placed vs.
Graunt that we laying our bodies downe
to rest, maye be thereby put in minde of our
last rest of death: that as we do nowe laye
downe our bodies in bedde, so we maye bee
thereby admonished, that hereafter they
shalbe layde downe in graue, to bee consu-
med to duste, earth, and ashes, from whence
they were taken: What wee hauing this
before our eyes, maye bee styrrred vpp in
minde

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minde warely to walke in this our pilg-
mage, not knowing when the tyme shal
of our departure, but alwayes to be found
ready with our lampes of pure faith clea-
rlye burning, that we maye be accepted
meete the Bridegrome, when our mortall
earthly, and corruptible bodies shalbe ma-
lyke to the glorious body of our Lorde &
niour Christ Jesu, there to raigne with
in perpetual ioy & consolation together
al the elect children of God, continually
ding with al beauenly multitude the glo-
ous Maiestie of thee our Lorde God and he-
uenly Father, in our Lorde and Saviour
Jesu Christ. For these and whatsoener
thou knowest to be needefull for vs and
whole Church, we pray vnto thee, as he
selfe hath taught vs, saying: Our Father

The Lorde blesse vs and saue vs, the
make his face to shine vpon vs, and be
ful vnto vs: the Lorde turne his fauour
countenance vnto vs, and graunt vs
peace. The grace of our Lorde Jesus Christ
the loue of God the Father, and the
comfortable fellowshippe of the holy
be with vs, preserve and keepe vs this
and euermore. Amen.

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A prayer to be saide before the studying
or reading of holie Scripture.

O Heauenly Father, whatsoeuer I am,
whatsoeuer I haue, whatsoeuer I
know, it is only by thy grace: For by nature
I am the childe of wrath, & I am not borne
of flesh and blood, neither of the seede
of man, or of the wyll of man. Flesh & blood
can not reueale the misteries of thy beauenly
kingdome vnto mee: but by thy blessed
will I am that I am, and by the same know
that I know. Therefore, O Father, do I
commit into thy handes only, my saluation.
My knowledge be small, yet I doubt no-
thing but that I am the childe of thy euerlast-
ing kingdome: and therefore by thy might
and power I shall grow (when it shall be thy
good wyl and pleasure) to a moze full & riper
knowledge, as of a moze perfect age, wherein
my faith shall be fully able to comprehend &
receiue the breadth, deapth, height & large-
nesse of thy great mercies and gracious pro-
mises. But seeing, O Father, this power of
all knowledge & perfect reuelation, passeth
all power naturall, and remaineth onely in
thy power, & the light of thy spirite: O Lord
do thou whatsoeuer it shall please thee, to

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open vnto mee and all the rest of thine el-
seruauntes & childezen, depending vpon thee
so much of the light of thy countenance
may be most for thy glory and our comfort
yea, & at such tyme as shall seme good to thee
wisdome and fatherly mercy. In the meane
whyle thus resting wholly vpon thee, neither
can I despayre, neyther wyl I be to thee
carefull, although I can not attayne to the
knowledge of many of thy woꝝkes, neyther
to the vnderstanding of many places of the
scriptures. But I wyl confesse vnto thee
weakenesse of my faith, wayting alway
for y further reuealing of thy glorious light
to be vttered vnto mee thy poore seruaunt
whē thou shalt thinke (of thy fatherly ben-
uolence & goodnesse) mee and conueniently
I knowing most assuredlye that thou wyl
pittie my weake imbecillitie and chylde
infancie, and cause the same to serue for thy
glory, & my great commodity: seeing that
erre as a childe before such a Father, who
canst not put off thy fatherly pittie and com-
passion, but rather as thou hast bought me
vnto thee, to be an heire of thy kingdome
by the blood of thy natural Sonne my Sauiour
Jesus Chyist: so am I sure that thou wyl
lyghten mee in the ende with full fruition

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the bright light of thy countenance, that I
may see thee & knowe thee as this thy sonne
knoweth thee: yea, see thee & knowe thee my
father face to face, and know thee as I am
known. Thus rest I onely in thy handes.
O my God, craving of thee to increase my
knowledge in thy holy word, wherby I may
knowe thy god wyll and pleasure. And
knowing the same, geue mee, O Lorde thy
holy spyrte to conduct and leade mee in the
me al the daies of my life, that in sincerite
faith, and purenesse of lyving and conuer
sation, thy glorious Maiestie bee magnified
mee for ever. Graunt this, O Father, for
thy dearly beloved Sonne our sauour Je
sus Christ, to whome with thee and the holy
ghost, be al honour, glory and praise, world
without ende. Amen.

**Praiers and thankesgeuing to be saide
before and after meate.**

Praier before meate.

O Lorde God and Heauenlye Father.
In thy beloved Sonne Iesus Christ,
worke in our hartes true repentance;
with increase of a true & lively fayth: make
us thankfull unto thy Maiestie for all thy
benefites

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benefites which we continually receyue at
thy merciful hand: graunt vs the grace, that
we may at this present with thankful hart
as from thy handes receyue meate & drinke
for the sustenance of our bodies, with mo-
deration vse them to thy gloze, and through
thy blessing, receiue by them perfect nourish-
ment: and aboue al we craue at thy handes,
good Lorde, the heauenly fode of our soules,
whiche neuer perissheth: that through thy
gracious goodnesse, we maye be nourished &
strengthened both in soule & body to eternal
lyfe, through Iesus Chryste our Saviour.
Amen.

Thankesgeuing after meate.

Eternal God, and mercifull Father, we
yeld vnto thee most hartie thanks for
thy benefites so plentifully bestowed vpon
vs: especially that thou hast at this present
fedde and nourished our mortal bodies with
meate and drinke: we beseeche thee in lyke
manner let our soules feele the swete taste
of thy heauenly fode, that we being fedde &
nourished at thy handes, both in soule & body
may in this life walke as it becommeth
chilozen, & in the life to come, be receiued
thine eternall Kingdome of gloze, through
Iesus Chrill our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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A Prayer before meate.

O Mercifull and Heauenly Father, who
greatest good to euery liueing creature, &
without whome nothing can liue, blesse and
sanctifie our meates and drinckes, which we
are now about to receyue, that they maye
turne to the nourishment of our boddyes,
whereunto thou hast appointed them: that
wee acknowledging thy gracious goodnesse
in providing so lyberallye for our boddyes,
may with chærefull hartes be lifted vp ear-
nestly to long after the good of our soules,
wherby we may be fedde eternally through
Jesus Christ our Sauour. Amen.

A thankesgeuing after meate.

O Heauenly Father, for these thy benefits
wherewith thou hast now sufficiētly fed
our boddyes, we beseech thee make vs thank-
ful: And as we feele the swætenesse of them
pleasant to our boddyes: so we beseeche thee,
good Lord, that the good of our soules maye
be as pleasant & comfortable vnto our soules,
and y^e we may with as careful hartes provide
for the nourishment of our soules, as we are
careful for our boddyes, tyl it shall please thy
Majesty to bring vs to the place, where wee
shal neuer hunger nor thirst more, but lyue
eternally through Christ our Sauour. Amen.

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A Praier before meate.

O Lord our God and heauenly Father,
which hast prouided meate and drink
for the nourishment of our bodies, geue vs
grace to vse them reuerently as from thy
handes with thankful hartes. And as we do
greatly hunger and thirst for this fode of
our bodies, so we beseech thee, good Lord, that
our soules may earnestly hunger after the
lyke fode and nourishment, that with ear-
nest minds we may seeke to haue our soules
fedde & refreshed eternally, through our on-
ly Lord & Saviour Iesus Christ. So be it.

A thankesgeuing after meate.

Wonderful is thy prouidence, O Lord,
in preserving all lyving creatures.
Graunt vs grace we beseech thee, that with
thankfull hartes we may acknowledge thy
bountifull goodnesse, so liberally geuing vnto
vs all thinges needeful: especially feeding
vs so plentifully at this present with thy mi-
nisterie of blessinges wherof a great many of
our brethren are destitute, as in like manner
we should be, if thou biddest not deale more
liberally with vs: graunt vs therefore, gra-
tious Lord, that we may be thankfull for
this thy goodnesse, & to be mindfull of them,
which haue not such aboundance to relieue
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hem: that being all members of one body,
we maye at length raigne with our heaude
Christ, to whome bee all honour and gloze
without ende. Amen.

A thankesgeuing after the receauing of our
bodilie sustenance, and reading of some part
of Gods holy word our spirituall foode.

O Lord our God the onely gener of al good
gyftes, who of thy great mercies hast
made vs partakers both of the Heauenlye
gyftes of thy holy word, to fede our minds,
and of thine earthly creatures for the neces-
sarie sustenance of our weake boddies:
grant wee beseeche thee that through thy
grace, these thy gyftes may be made perfect
vnto vs: geue strength vnto our meate, that
it may be our healthful nourishment, not to
breede in vs any carnall desire of our vaine
wyse, but to enable our bodies to all good
workes during the tyme of this present pil-
grimage, that so thy good creatures maye be
our god reliefe, so long as thou wylt, and so
much as thou knowest to be expedient for vs
thy seruantes, to finish our daies which thou
hast numbred, in the edifying of thy Saints,

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and

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and glorifying of thy holy Name. And be-
cause (O Lord) we knowe nothing of our
selues, but our ignorant hartes are full of
darknesse, therefore we beseech thee that thy
Word (which is thine eternal wisdom)
that now we haue read, (and wherein we
haue had our conference) maye bee in our
minde a shining light of thine only trueth,
and in our harts a fruitful seede of our new
birth, so that thine owne Image maye be
happily againe restaured in vs, and we maye
be made before thee a holys and righteous
people, by the inward working of thy grati-
ous spirite, dayly strengthening our hartes
in earnest loue of thy trueth, and careful
obedience of thy commandements, through
Jesus Christ our onely Mediatour, who by
the sacrifice of his owne body, hath purchas-
ed vnto vs al thy fauour, and hath geuen vs
this boldnesse to call vpon thee vnto whome
(O Father) with thee and the holy Ghost, be
honour & glozy, world without ende. Amen.

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A Prayer for all tymes.

O Lord God Father of Mercie, and God of
al consolation, without whome we haue
neither hope nor comfort, we poore wretched
& miserable sinners beseech thee of thy
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erly goodnesse to looke vpon vs, & so make
s partakers of thy gracions goodnesse,
hat we may styl increase in all goodnesse, so
hat euermore we may set forth thine hono-
glozie: let our connerlation be such, that a
reat many beholding our good woꝝks, may
lozifie thee our heauenly Father: and so di-
et our wapes, that we may hold forth the
possession of thy Gospell as a Lanthorne to
lyghten the steppes of a great many, that
they may turne to thee, and praise thy name
in theyꝝ visitation. Thus (O Lord) we be-
ech to deale with vs, that in deede we may
be vessels of honour vnto thee, now we to set
forth the prayse of thy name, and after this
transitoꝛie life, to behold thy gloꝛy, who hast
immortality alone, and dwellest in lyght.
hat no man hath appꝛoched vnto: remoue
arre from vs our sinnes & iniquities, that
they may not separat betwene vs and thee:
lotte out of vs our offences, and make our
payers ryghteous, that thou mayst fauor-
ably graunt our requestes: looke vpon vs
with thy fauourable mercy, that thou maist
haue pittie vpon vs, and beholde vs in the
righteousnesse of thy beloued Sonne Christ
Iesu, & that we may be presented faultlesse
in thy sight: and thou accepting vs as holy.

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we may finde the grace euermore to sett
forth thine honour & glozy, and to speake
thy prayes in the middes of all thy people
Let vs loue (O Lorde) the thinges that are
good, and hate the thinges that are euyl: let
vs delight in all thinges that may please thee
and let vs bee grieved with wha tsoeuer
displeasunt in thy sight. And to the intent
we may haue true vnderstanding & bee able
to discerne betwene thinges, what is good
euyl. we beseech thee let thy word dwell pl
tfully in vs, which maye guide our vnder
standings so, y we may abound in al know
ledge, & do according to that which is righte
ous. And in this estate of true Christianity
being instructed in mind, and ready in heart
to all holy obedience, we beseech thee make
vs to growe & increase from grace to grace
from faith to faith, vntill we come vnto the
fullnesse of age to be perfect members of the
body of Christ, waiting for the blessed hope
of thine eleete, and fighting in spyrite vnto
the tyme that thy children shalbe reuealed
In the meane seasō let vs sigh with al those
that haue receiued the first fruits of the spi
rite. that these dayes of Anne maye cease
that sathan be troden downe vnder fete, the
antichrist maye bee reuealed, yet to man
thousand

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thousands that be in ignorance, y^e the humi-
lity of thine elect may be ful, the body of thy
saints made perfect, all teares wyped from
their eyes, even then when the Sonne shall
appeare againe the second tyme to iudge the
liue and the dead, which tyme (**O** Lord)
come quickly, according to thy good wyl, and
teach vs to pray with all thy Saints. Come
O Iesu, come quickly: graunt this (**O**
Father) for thy sonnes sake, in whose name
we praye vnto thee. And although we bee
but earth and ashes, yet we are bolde to say
vnto thee, (the God of all Glory) euen as bee-
st thou taught vs. Our Father which art in
heauen, &c.

E. D.

A Praier for all Estates.

O Lord God Father of light, with whome
there is no change, neyther yet shadowe of
change, but hast established thine appointed
counseils, which shall not be chaunged for e-
uer: thou (**O** God) hast made among vs this
diuersitye of estates & degrees, according as
every comon wealth requireth, keepe vs al,
we beseech thee, y^e we may walke obediently
in our calling, and followe the steppes that
thou

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thou hast set befoze vs, ene from the high
to the lowest, let vs accomplishe that duety
vnto which thou hast appoynted vs, with
a faythfull remembzaunce of thy promise
made of olde to our Father Abraham
that thou art his exceeding great reward
we may lykewise depend on thy prouidence
and seeke not any shamefull wayes to get
our lyuing, wandring from the righte-
nesse of our vocation, into the manifold
rozs of sinne and iniquitie: looke vpon vs
(O Lozde) and inrich vs with thy grace, make
vs obedient to our inferiours, meeke toward
our enemies, faithfull to our friends, true
and iust towardes all men, that we may
dwell stedfastly rooted in the hope of thine
elect, vntyl thou shalt make an ende of all
labours: looke vppon our most excellent
Quene, and her Honourable Counsel, whom
thou hast called them to the highest room
so geue vnto them the greatest measures
of grace, that they faithfullly dispence the
labours committed vnto them: leade them
with the good king David into thy Sanctu-
rie, that they maye see thy louing kindness
which is better then life, and saye with the
Prophete: All flesh is grasse, and the glory
of man is as the flower of the felde, and so

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erate them selues to do thy wyll, offer vp
theyr bodies to be holy, liuely, & reasonable
crifices vnto thee, that they may be nurses
and nurssathers vnto thy Church: looke also
we beseech thee vpon thy Ministers whome
thou hast appointed to the preaching of thy
 Gospell, make them (O God) faithfull dis-
pensers of thy mysteries, without respect of
personnes, to do the woꝛke vnto the which
thou hast appointed them, that they maye
conuert sinners, & haue theyr gloꝛy perfecte
the day of Christ: and knyt vs together in
peace and loue, that they may be ful of com-
passion one towarde another, to reioyce
with them that reioyce, and mourne with
them that mourne, especially to instruct one
another in the wayes of righteousnesse, that
by our mutual helpe we may y better with-
stande our enemye, and dwell, safe in hope of
eternall life elect, tyll our dayes shalbe full, and we
all walke in the wayes of all the woꝛlde,
in which time we beseech thee bring vs happily
into, euen for thy Sonnes sake we beseech
thee, to whome with thee, and the holy ghost,
thee personnes and one God, be all honour
and gloꝛie now and for euermore. Amen.

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A fourme of Morning praier necessarie
this present time for Godlie Christians, to use
in their houses and Families.

We most humblye thanke thee (O Hea-
uenly Father) for the sweete and quiet
rest that we haue had this night, for the
kind and fauourable deliuerance out of
daungers both of bodie and soule, which
iustlye deserue to be throwne into for
manifold sinnes: for that thou hast ray-
sed vs vp this morning, we praye thee to go
for vs: and forasmuch as thou seest our sin-
gishnesse and drowsinesse, it woulde please
thee (good Lorde) to pull vs after thee, and
sette vs those wayes, which thou hast
pointed vs to walke in. And as thou renue-
sthis morning, so renue thy mercies: and
thou causest the sunne comfortably to shine
to our bodily eyes, so vouchsafe (we praye
thee) to be Sunne vnto our bodies and to our
soules, by the beames of thy holy Spirit
and Starre of thy blessed Worde, to shine
into the middes of our harts, to drive away
all the night and darknesse of all prophe-
nesse: to chase away all want of true feare
of thy good Maiestie; and in place thereof

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ing in loue towarde thy Gloze, & sale of
thy House, loue also towarde our brethren:
speciall ye those that thou aboue the reste
commendest vnto vs, that we may loue
them with that loue, wherewithall thou hast
first loued vs: which is pure, vncoꝛrupte,
vehement, and euerlasting: and therefore
we pray thee to rydde our harts of al naugh-
t and coꝛrupte loue, and whatsoeuer is
unmeet to bee in those vessels that are to
beare such a mighty Prince as thou art: and
in those houses wherein it pleaseth thy Ma-
iestie by thy holy Spirit to dwel: and there-
fore on the other syde (good Lorde) chase a-
way from vs al rancor and malice, al pride,
enuiusnesse, disdainfulnesse, vncharitable-
nesse, vnnaturalnesse, vnkindnesse, & what-
soeuer is contrarie to that loue, wherof
thou hast geuen vs a lively example in our
Lord Iesus Christ: vnto y^e which example,
O Lord (good Lorde) that we may alwaies haue
our eyes lyfted vp. and therein holden, and
instructed thereby to profite, vntyl such time as
we come into that perfectiō, wherunto thou
hast appointed we shall come. Touchsafe
thereover by the comming of the selfe same
Christe, to scatter in vs all the night & dark-
nesse of ignoraunce, & forgetfulnesse, and of
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all those thinges which pertainē to the clearer and fuller knowledge of thy truth. Take from vs al negligence, al want of iudgement and discretion, and deliuer vs from al those things, which thou knowest to be hinderances to vs, eyther to walke in that great calling of Christianitie wherevnto thou hast called vs, or in those seuerall and particular callings wherin thou hast placed euery one of vs: that we maye walke so (good Lorde) both in the one & in the other, that thy name maye be gloryfied in both. Amen.

Euening Praier.

O Lorde prepare our hartes to pray, bowe downe thine eares (deere Father) and heare vs, open thine eyes and loke vpon vs for thy deere sonne Iesus Chyestes sake, and receiue our humble confession that we make to thee against our selues, which haue broken all thy lawes, and therefore deserue to haue thy heauie iudgementes powred vpon our heads to our vtter destruction, if thou shouldest enter into iudgement with the least of our sinnes, whereof we haue so great and infinite thousandes: notwithstanding, we praye to thee to turne away thy face from our sinnes, and for Iesus Chyestes sake

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geue vs all that is past, and graunt that
we may haue the assurance of the forgeue-
ness of our sinnes, sealed vpon by thy Holy
Spirite in our consciences, whereby we kno-
wing that wee are at one with thee, maye
haue our hartes kindled with thy loue so fer-
uently, as it maye waite in vs all that is a-
gainst thy holy Will. And for this cause we
beseeche thee. Lorde, to goe forwarde in the
workes of our new byrth, that thou hast be-
gun in vs, and neuer take away thy hande,
till such time as thou hast made an ende
it: and to this ende, we beseech thee to slay
in vs euery day, more & more, the olde man
with his concupiscences, nailing them to the
crosse of thy deere Sonne Iesus Christ: and
enabling vs to feele the power of his Passion
in our bodies and in our soules, that wee be-
come partakers thereof, maye come also to the
glowshippe of his resurrection: not onely
that we shall once appeare before thee,
bringing these our base bodies chaunged, and
made lyke vnto his Glorious body, but also
that we maye in the meane tyme ryse from
the death of sinne to a newnesse of lyfe, and
that our good worke maye so shine before
men, that they seeing them maye glorifie thee
our Heauenly Father: not onely they that

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are of the selfe same religion with vs. but
those also that are enemies vnto thy fruct
may rather in the time of theyr calling by
voyce of thy Gospell, yeld them selues to
one sheepfold with vs. And we most humbly
thanke thee (O heauenly Father) for all thy
louing kindneses bestowed vpon vs from
tyme to tyme, and especially for that olde
annunciant Loue, where withall thou hast
nourished vs befoze the begynning of the worlde
for that also y thou calling vs by the voyce
of thy holy Gospell in that good time that thou
appointedst for vs, hast giuen vs faith, hope
and loue, and all other graces which thou
knowest to be needefull for vs: which we
beseeche thee to increase in vs with mighty
increases, according to that thou seest we
haue neede of, hauing regarde to our many
fold enemies, that we haue to wrestle with
and that wee haue not to strue with flesh
& blood, but against the diuels them selues.
And therefore considering theyr strength
our weaknesse, their craft & our simplicity
their watchfulnesse and our sluggishnesse
their long experience & our rashnesse, thy
preparation & our nakednesse, and that thou
haue not onely nothing to helpe vs, but
do carrie about vs our owne concupiscence

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ready to betraye vs into the handes of our
enemies, it maye please thee to furnishe vs
from above, geuing vs the strength of thy
holy spirite, in the inner man, reaching vnto
the cōpleate harnesse of thy Grace, wbero
wth we being armed on both sides, may be
prepared to all affaies against al assaultes of
our enemies. And for asmuch as in this
weaknesse we oftentymes geue backe, and
sometimes runne awaye, we praye thee (O
God) that with the bande of faith, we may
yet holde on the victorie of our Saniour
Iesus Chzist: that albeit we be not able to
ouercome in our own persons, yet notwith-
standing we maye ouercome in His, who
hath ouercommed for vs all, and so be par-
takers of those promises that thou hast knit
vnto that gloriouse victorie. And we most
humbllye thanke thee also for those graces
of the body and soule, which pertaine
vnto this present lyfe: desiring thee to increase
them vppon vs, and in vs, so farre forth as
thou seest we haue neede of to thy glorie, the
commenditie of others, and our owne com-
fortes: therefore we beseech thee, Lorde, to
enrich vs with thy holy Spyrite the lawfull
enjoyment of them: that thou wouldest not suffer
our harts to be rooted in them, but that at al

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tymes we maye be wylling to parte
them. And whensoever it shal please the
call for vs, we may wyllingly go vnto
as childzen to their deere fathers, stran-
gers vnto their owne Countrey, and me-
bers of the body vnto their Heade: and
much the gladder, by howe much thou
art better then al the men in the world,
the kingdome that thou hast prepared,
ter then all the kingdomes thereof.

An addition to the former morning pray-
er, to be used at any tyme and leasure shall serue.

We praye not onely for our selues
(most merciful father) but for al
that thou hast appointed to sternall lyfe
seeking the to gather the number of the
that are to be gathered, those that thou
already called, thou wouldest alwayes haue
and to this end (good Lorde) rayse vp
full Ministers both of thy Church and
man weale, whose hartes thou wouldest
with all Graces of thy holy Spirit
for theyr callings, meete also for these dan-
gerous tymes: rote out from among
Church, all raueninge deuouring Weales
which to fylle their owne bellies, destroy
flocke: ease thy selfe of al byzelings and
shepheards

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shepherds, which haue no care nor skyll to
feede thy flocke with the bolosome fode of thy
blessewd worde, nor to rule them with that e-
uillie wherewithall thou wylte haue thy
people to be ruled: those Pastors that thou
hast genen, it woulde please thee to increase
the number of them: those that are fallen a-
pepe & carried awaye with the corruptions
these tymes, that thou wouldest awake,
setting them vnderstande the charge that
thou hast committed vnto them, the trust
that thou hast put them in, and the accompt
that thou wylt take at their bandes. Wee
petition (O Lorde) vnto this Land of ours,
to enter not into iudgement with the hor-
rible sinnes of it, name!y, the contempt and
light esteeming of thy holy Word, so many
sacres offered vnto vs, & we being trusted
withall, so many Nations better then wee
being passed by, which would haue brought
forth the fruite thereof more then we haue
had: and we not onely haue brought forth
good fruite, but rotten and vnfauoury, to
wrooke thy Maiestie withall: notwithstanding
all these our sinnes, it would please thee
that lone, wherewithall thou hast syt-
ted vs, when we hated thee, & in that long
patience wherein thou hast hitherto borne

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With vs, and doest yet beare, and farriest for
our repentaunce, to graunt vs hartie and
earnest repentaunce, our hartes being effec-
tually touched with thy holy Spirite, stry-
king these rocky hartes of ours, that they
maye bee resolued into riuers of teares for
our sinnes, making them softe and make
receyue the pzynt of thy holy Word, & seale
of thy blessed Spirite, wytyng with thy
finger thine owne Lawes in them, so, that
thou maist reade thine owne band, acknow-
ledge thine owne seale, and so passe by
when thou shalt bring thy iudgement vpon
the face of the Earth, for the iniquities there-
of: whereof thou hast geuen, and styl geue
from tyme to tyme diuers tokens, which we
beseeche thee maye bee profitable vnto vs
whylest first of al we acknowledge thy band
stryking vs, and thy counsell calling
thereby to repentaunce, that thy heauy
iudgementes do not fall vpon vs to ou-
tter destruction.

Moreover, we thanke thee (O Lorde) for
that it hath pleased thee to be the watchman
and as it were the spy of this Church
Common wealth, and hast foresene all the
stormes, and treasons comming against
against thine annointed our Soueraigne
whom

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whome thou in mercie hast appointed to rule
ouer it, and hast scattered them and brought
them to nought, and hast pursued certaine
of thine enemyes and ours vnto death, be-
séeching thee to continue this watchfull and
carefull eye ouer vs, styll to do vs good, and
to pursue the rest of thine enemies and ours
vnto the graue: geuing notwithstanding
repentaunce vnto them, vnto whome thou
hast left place of repentaunce. And to this
ende, rayse vp the hartes of our most grati-
ous Quene & her honourable Counsell thy
Magistrates, that as they sytte in thy seate,
and are called by thy Name, so they maye
execute thy iustice, which thou so wel approu-
est of, whereof also thou wylt require a
straight accompt at their bandes. We
desire thee also to shewe these thy Graces to
all other Churches of thine, namelye thy
Church of Scotlande, that it maye enioy that
peace that thou hast geuen it: and graunt that
same be referred to y^e ende wherfore thou
hast geuen it: namely, to the full establish-
ment of the throne of thy déere Sonne our
sauour Iesus Christ, and to the buylding
of his Kingdome there. We beseeche thee
also for the Churches, which thy hande hath
wanted long since: especiall ye those, from

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Whome wee haue receaued knowledge in
tyme of our ignozaunce, places of refuge in
tyme of perfecution: that it would please thee
to continue thy louing kindnesse towarde
them, and therefore cause them to continue
their faith towarde thee, and obedience to
warde thy holy Word. And whensoever
shalbe thy pleasure, to trye them with any
kinde of affliction, it would please thee to
graunt vnto them, that they maye put their
trust in thee, hauing regarde to the trueth of
thy promises, and to the good experience that
they haue of thy helpe in times past, & thereby
conceyue comfort and hope (O Lord) euen
of lyfe in death, and of Saluation in destruc
tion. We pray thee also (good Lord) that we
may haue the feeling of the myseryes of our
Brethren, as members of the same body,
and those that lyue by the same Spyrte.
And therefore we praye thee, that accordyng
to the manifold troubles that thou shalt
site them with, it would be thy good plea
sure, to measure out thy grace in such plea
sant manner, that thy chyldren maye pain
ently beare, and ioyfully attend, for the good
howe wherein thou wilt pull them out of
all their troubles. And especially we praye
thy Maiestie for our Brethren that are
sick

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vided for thy Gospell sake: namely, those
that suffer imprisonment or otherwise in
any Nation, for the clearer testimonie of
it: that it woulde please thee to geue them
patience in all their troubles, wisdom and
mouthes to defende thy cause, against all
those that rise up against it: that thou wouldest
bless their travells & sufferings for that,
for which they are taken: which is, to geue a
freer course of thy Gospell into all places.
And therewithall wee beseeche thee for the
Churches of Fraunce & Flaunders, which
are so miserably racked and torne in sunder,
and which are almost consumed with these
very tryalles: that it woulde please thee to
take upon their sighinges and groaninges,
the teares that fall from their eyes continu-
ally, the blood that is shed in all partes of the
lande, the bodies that lye vnburied, to bee
meate to the fowles of the ayre, & fyllbes
of the Sea, the lonenesse of wives lacking
their husbands, children their fathers, and
every friend his friend. And forasmuch as
those thinges are come vpon them for thy
names sake, let it bee thy good pleasure to
helpe them, considering that they are forsaken
of all they friends rounde about: and
therefore praye thee that thou wouldest not
looke

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looke vpon our sinnes, nor the sinnes of our
forefathers, whereby we deserue not onely
this correctiō, but vtter destructiō, as Sodom
& Gomorra: but rather to looke vpon thy mer-
cies which were befoze them: whereby thou
hast sayde, that although wee do offende, and
thou doest correct vs, yet thou wilt not take
away thy mercies from vs, but wilt leave
a remnant which thou wilt multiplie, and
make as the Starres of the Heauen, and
as the sandes of the Sea. Looke also (O
Lorde) vpon the outrageousnesse and cruel-
tie, vnfaithfulnesse, and blasphemie, of thy
enemies, wherewithall they blaspheme
thee, and prouoke thee to thy face, and there-
fore in thine owne cause, and for thine owne
sake, take the matter into thine owne
handes, and paye into the bosome of thine
enemies double and treble of that they haue
geuen to thee. Notwithstanding, those
amongst them, that belong to thine holy elec-
tiō, hasten their calling, that afterwarde thy
iudgement may hasten vpon the earth, and
the inhabitauntes thereof maye learne to
knowe thee by thy iudgements, that would
not vnderstande and come to thee, by the
louing calling of the Gospell. Wee pray
thee (O Lorde) for our brethren that are by

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armes in both those countreyes : that thou
wouldest goe before them , & come behynde
them, and on euery side of them: couer their
heads in the day of battel, teach their hands
to fight, & their fingers to warre: geue them
wisdomme & valiauntnesse, and good successe
in all theyr enterpryses : Grype a dyssynesse
maaze of spirite into their enemies barts,
and take away from them, all force, and dis-
poynt al their counsels. And vpon our bre-
thren in Flanders, we beseech thee that thou
wouldest comfort them ouer al the troubles
that they haue receyued , and breaches that
haue been made in vpon them: & where there
are nowe forces euery daye gathered, nowe
heights inuented to destroye them, it maye
please thee, to scatter their forces, and bring
their sleights to nothing. Wea graunt also (O
Lorde) that that which they haue deuised
gainst thy childzen, maye come vpon theyr
owne headdes . And for our brethren in
fraunce wee beseeche thee (O Lorde) what
treightes soeuer they be in, thou wouldest
relieue them: & although they be forsaken in
the iudgement of all the world, and in their
owne iudgements, notwithstanding, thou shalt
the issues of death in thine owne hands,
relouer those that are appointed to death.

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And finally we most humbly thanke thee
for that it hath pleased thee to keepe vs this
daye, and al the dayes & times of our lyues:
beseeching thee, that thou wouldest receyue
vs this night into thy holy keeping, that we
may haue quiet rest, not of bodies alone, but
of our soules also, resting from all those
things that are contrary to thy holy wyll,
attending whyle thou raysest vs vp in the
morning, to do al those things that thou hast
appointed vs. These things we desyre of
thee, & al other things (which thou knowest
to be more needefull for vs, and thy whole
Church, better then we our selues do know)
for Iesus Christes sake: saying the same
prayer, that hee him selfe hath taught vs.
Our Father which art. &c.

A Prayer for the Queene.

O Gracious Lord, and most merciful Father,
we acknowledge thee the Lord of
Lordes, and the King of Kinges, creating
the beginning, and ruling all things euer
more in heauen and earth, according to thy
wonderfull wisdome and power: and our
selues to be thy poore seruaunts, the worke
of thy handes, and the sheepe of thy pasture,
subiected to thy Maiestie, and depending
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Upon thy fatherly prouidence for all things.
Nevertheless, seeing thou in thy wisdom
annoyntest Kinges & Quænes, appoynting
them to rule ouer thy people, to sit as Lieue-
tenantes in thy seate, to minister iustice, &
most of all, as Fathers & Nurses to main-
taine and cherish thy Church: commanding
vs not onely to obey and honour them, but
moreouer to praye for them, as watching
ouer vs for our good: we therefore beseeche
thee for thy great mercies sake, and for Je-
sus Chyistes sake, to shewe thy mercie to all
Kinges and Princes, that mayntaine thy
gloziours Gospell: but especially we pray thee
to blesse our gracious Quæne, in all spiritu-
all blessings in Chyiste Jesus, and in all
tempozall blessings, according to thy good
pleasure, that in the great measures of thy
effectuall Lawe she may more & more finde
great increases of vertue, and wisdom, &
strength in Chyist Jesus, to the faithful and
appy discharge of her duety: that her holy-
nesse, and ioye, and zeale of thy house maye
be multiplied and euerlasting.

And, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy sin-
gular mercie, to geue her this special honoz,
to suffer for thy gloziours trueth, and af-
warde myraculously deliuering her out
of

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of the hands of her enemies, to set a Croſſe
vpon her head, and to make her the instru-
ment to aduance thy gloꝝy and goſpell, for
which ſhe ſuffered, & to bring it out of darke-
neſſe into lycht, out of perſecution into thy
great and long peace: as we geue thee moſt
harty thanks for this ſingular benefite, &
we beſeech thee to make her & vs euermore
thankfull for it, and in thy good pleaſure
to preſerue her for the continuance of theſe
blessings towards vs, with al increaſe from
tyme to tyme, to thy gloꝝy, the benefite of
Church, & her infinite peace in Chriſt Jeſus
the Prince of Peace. And furthermore we
pray thee for her, and the eſtate, that ſuch
be enemies of the Goſpel, & her enemies
ſo, for the defence thereof, may not deſpiſe
peace offered them to repentaunce, but that
they may accoumt thy long ſuffering, & thy
peaceable and vnbloddie gouernment
occasion of ſaluation to their ſoules, and
faigned loue to the trueth, & their mercifull
ſoueraigne. Otherwyle if they ſtill remaine
diſobedient to the trueth, diſobedient to
thy highneſſe, & dangerous to the ſtate, then
God of our ſaluation) as thou haſt diſcom-
red them, ſo diſcouer them ſtill, as thou haſt
preuented them, ſo preuent them ſtill, &
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their eyes ware weary with looking, & their
arts faint with wayting for the comming
that, which yet commeth not, neyther let
come (O Lord) we beseech thee, but a bles-
d, and a long raigne to her, and peace to
ion for evermore.

Also (deere Father) so blesse, so loue, so in-
spire and keepe her, that she
may in the Spirit of counsel and fortitude
rule that other sister also, namely this her
common wealth, that they may flourish to-
gether, & grow up together as Palme trees,
beauty, and in strength, giueing ayde and
helpe one to another, that in the Church the
joy of God may appeare, as the Sunne in
brightness, & that thy land may flow with
milke, & honie, and true peace abound there
as in the triumphant raigne of Debora.

These graces (O Lord) are great, and we
miserable sinners, unworthy of the least of
them: therfore looke not to vs but to thy self,
not to our iniquities but to thy great mer-
cies, accepting the death and passion of thy
sonne, as a full ransom for all our offen-
ses: shewing them into the bottome of the
sea, and making his crosse and resurrection
actual lin vs to all obedience & godlynesse
becommeth thy Saintes, that to alother
thy